

"The Occult"

Deuteronomy 18:9-13

"In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold." Ephesians 4:26, 27

"I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me...."
John 14:30

Components of the Occult:

1. Sacrifice

"When the king of Moab saw that the battle had gone against him, he took with him seven hundred swordsmen to break through to the king of Edom, but they failed. Then he took his firstborn son, who was to succeed him as king, and offered him as a sacrifice on the city wall." 2 Kings 3:26, 27

2. Divination

3. Sorcery (magic)

Black magic – an attempt to produce evil results through curses, spells and voodoo dolls
White magic – an attempt to produce good results through demonic means

4. Mediums or spiritists

5. Astrology

"The rest of mankind....did not repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts." Revelation 9:20, 21

Principle: It is Satan who works with counterfeit spirituality and magic. Behind all this is Satan.

"The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness." 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

What's the lure of plunging into these demonic activities (Genesis 3:1-7)?

- A. Promise of knowledge
- B. Promise of power
- C. Promise of independence

How can you break free?

1. Recognize the reality of spiritual warfare
2. Put away all contact with the occult
3. Surrender totally to Jesus Christ

“Then it says, I will return to the house I left.” When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation.” Matthew 12:44, 45

Confession:

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey Him as your Lord?

I do. In the name of Jesus Christ – I am set free.